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Re: December 24, 2003 Response to Comments on Notification of a 40 CFR 761.61(a) of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Cleanup inside Building 84 within Investigation Area D1, Eastern Early Transfer Parcel, Mare Island, Vallejo, California

Dear Mr. Morris:

EPA has received your response to our comments on your cleanup proposal for building 84. This addresses EPA's comment and we have no further comments. EPA approves the 40 CFR 761.61(a) plan for building 84.

Building 84 is the former marine prison; PCBs have been found in stained areas of the floor in concentrations as high as 23.5 mg/kg. The maximum remaining concentration is 3.77 mg/kg. CH2M Hill has proposed to remove four 10 by 10 foot areas of asphalt from the remaining locations that exceed 1 mg/kg PCBs.

Because the source of the PCB contamination was unknown, EPA requested additional characterization of unstained areas in the November 14, 2003 letter to determine if the asphalt matrix itself was contaminated with PCBs. On December 3, 2003, CH2M Hill collected four additional asphalt samples from unstained areas to determine if the asphalt itself contained PCBs. PCBs were found in 3 of the non-stain specific samples, but not in excess of the 1 mg/kg cleanup goal.

Please feel free to contact EPA staff Emily Roth (415-972-3175) or Carolyn d'Almeida (415-972-3150) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Bisson".

Paula Bisson  
Manager  
Toxics Office

c.c. Henry Chui, DTSC